

## Thank you

Dear Roundtable Participant,

On April 24 and 25 you and approximately 350 others from around the state gathered in Boise for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Governor's Roundtable for Families and Children. The purpose of the Roundtable was to gather information to serve as the foundation for the work of the Governor's Coordinating Council, upon its establishment.

This interactive workshop was unusual in that it pulled together individuals from every corner of the state and from very diverse organizations/agencies/sectors of the population.

What you all had in common was the desire to improve the lives of families and children in Idaho. The high energy, the hard work and the generous sharing of ideas and practices led to a very productive exchange.

We are pleased to send you a copy of the Roundtable report, a summary of the hundreds of suggestions and ideas gathered during the two-day workshop. We are in the process of reviewing your nominations for Coordinating Council and expect to make those announcements by June 1.

Thank you again for your energy, your hopes, your suggestions and most of all your commitment to this statewide effort. We look forward to your continued involvement.

Should you have questions during this transition period, please call Patty Ahrens at 208-334-2100 or Carolyn Beaver at 208-386-9317.

Sincerely.

Jerry Hirschfeld, M.D.

First Lady Patricia J. Kempthorne

Co-chairs, Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children

Written comments from ROUNDTABLE facilitator, Mike Winer of Synoptics:

"I have presented at many conferences. Never have I experienced one so well organized. And never have I felt so supported. Most importantly, the purpose of the conference was fulfilled, beyond all expectations. What you achieved was remarkable."